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After reading an online article discussing the Microsoft proposal, I would like to voice my support in the proposal offered by the software comany, Red Hat .

http://www.redhat.com/about/presscenter/2001/press_usschools.html

It doesn't really seem like punishment to force Microsoft to furnish software to schools. These children will have only the opportunity to learn microsoft programs which will further exetend Microsoft's future monopoly.

As CEO of Starpoint Communications, Inc., an full service ISP in SW Minnesota, we rely on the diverse technical skills of our staff. These skill are not one sided Microsoft applications. They include other operating systems such as MacIntosh and Unix-like operating systems.

I can vouch for the fact that open source operating systems can provide a rich and functional computing environment at a fraction of the cost of Microsoft. Personally I use Microsoft products in a very limited capacity, yet enjoy all the comforts of a fully integrated desktop computer environment using the X-windows system. If you are not familiar with this or other open source products, which cost nothing, I invite you to do the research.

I urge you to consider Red Hat's proposal and let Microsoft pay for its crime.

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